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Chapel of Holy Innocence
St. Mary's Hall
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

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St. Mary's Hall
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Owner: Diocese of New Jersey

Date of Erection: 1845-47

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone,
wood coping

Interior walls - plaster,
open trusses

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

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The Chapel of Holy Innocence was built for the students of St. Mary's Hall. The cornerstone was laid in 1845; the consecration was in 1847. The building of the chapel was under the personal supervision of Bishop Doane.

St. Mary's Hall was really founded by Samuel R. Gummere, who in 1829 erected part of the present building still in use and conducted a girls' school. In 1836 the property was sold to Bishop Doane, and May 1, 1837 St. Mary's Hall was opened. St. Mary's Hall was a personal undertaking of Bishop Doane. It was his private property. He was forced to ask aid of the Trustees of Burlington College and in 1854 the school became the property of the Board of Trustees of which Bishop Doane was a member.

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